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Method and node for selecting a codec type or configuration by extending the list comprising codecs for transcoder/tandem free operation by further codecs supported by the node

the specification of which

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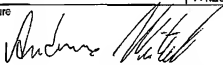
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